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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO STUDY HOW SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS IS BEING SPENT.

WHEREAS, each year, the legislature appropriates money to the public education department to fund to- and from-school bus transportation in public school districts statewide; and

WHEREAS, current law allows school districts to provide school bus transportation to students through the use of school bus service contracts, either with individual owner-operators or private school bus contractors or both; and

WHEREAS, by public education department rule, a person who owns only one bus and who drives the bus on a full-time basis is, as a driver, considered an employee of the school district, while a person who owns more than one bus is considered a self-employed private school bus contractor who hires the contractor's own employees; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, the money distributed through school bus service contracts by the public education department to private school bus contractors has included a thirty-five percent reimbursement rate for employee benefits paid by a private school bus contractor to employees; and

